Contesting C. J. Vanderbilt's Will.

NEW YORK, May 29.—The will of the late Cornelius J. Vanderbilt, who committed suicide at the Glenham Hotel a short time ago, is being contested by his sister, Mrs. Mary A. LeBau Berger. He left an estate valued at $750,000, not one penny of which went to any person by the name of Vanderbilt. He bequeathed $120,000 to his friend, George N. Terry, and sums of money to other friends, giving $1,000 to each of his sisters to purchase some article in remembrance of him. Mrs. Berger, in contesting the will, alleges that Cornelius at the time the will was executed, was a resident of Connecticut, where all his real estate was situated; "that the writing was not his last will; that its execution was not his voluntary act, and that he was not of sound mind at the time he signed it." She alleges that the document was procured by fraud practiced on Cornelius by Terry and others; that the testator suffered from epileptic fits for years and was weak mentally and easily influenced; that Terry attached himself to Cornelius in the hope of getting his money; also that the testator never would have executed such a will but for undue influence. She says she was under considerable expense in assisting Cornelius to contest his father's will, and that he promised she would be no loser by assisting him. The case has been put on the calendar of the Surrogate's Court for the 27th of November next. No other objections have yet been filed.

A New England Tornado.

BOSTON, May 29.—A tornado passed over Greenfield, Mass., last night, destroying several thousand dollars' worth of property and injuring several persons seriously. The residences and barns of John Thayer, Charles S. Mead, C. B. Scott, Henry Sanderson and others were partially wrecked. A man named Bement was fatally hurt by being buried under ruins of a barn. Charles S. Mead was also hurt. The storm traveled in a northeasterly direction and was accompanied by heavy hail. On its course through New Hampshire some damage was done.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., May 29.—The tornado in Franklin county last night wrought terrible havoc in Ashfield. No lives were lost but there were some narrow escapes. The losses are as follows: Henry Lillie, house and barn demolished; Hatton Smith, house and barn totally destroyed; Martin Bronson, Mrs. Z. Smith, W. Elmer, Allen Hall, Charles Abbe and E B. Williams, barns or other buildings blown down or seriously damaged. Many orchards were ruined. The tornado took a northeasterly course through the town.

GREENFIELD, Mass., May 29.—News comes from Ashfield, sixteen miles west of this place, of a terrible cyclone last evening. Twelve barns were demolished, hundreds of trees uprooted, houses unroofed, and the whole section devastated.

A Concealed Defalcation.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29.—Charles Crocker, one of the defendants against whom an action had been instituted by the widow of the late Gen. Colton for a large sum of money, has made a long deposition. He avers that Gen. Colton had appropriated large sums of money to his own use while acting as president of the Rocky Mountain Coal Company, and that an examination of the books and accounts of the company after Gen. Colton's death disclosed the facts. He avers that he never made threats of exposure to induce Mrs. Colton to make any assignment of bonds or stocks; that the other defendants in the case knew of the defalcation, but, like himself, sought to conceal it; that Colton owed Stanford, Crocker & Huntington $1,000,000, besides the sum appropriated. That all his property would not have satisfied his liabilities and that the action taken was taken with the view to save Colton's memory and leave his widow with property enough to make her independent for life.

Rhode Island's General Assembly.

PROVIDENCE, May 29.—The General Assembly will meet at Newport to morrow to organize a State government for the ensuing year. At the caucuses here to-night Eugene F. Warner was nominated clerk of the Senate, Hon. John P. Sanborn Speaker of the House, and George R. Gower and Clark H. Johnston clerks of the House.

A Fatal Attack of Apoplexy.

BALTIMORE, May 29.—DeWitt C. Shock, who has been connected with the Baltimore *American* continuously for the past twenty-five years as advertising solicitor, was seized suddenly with apoplexy to day, in the counting-room of the *American*, and died within a few minutes. He was one of the most popular and successful solicitors in the city. He was aged forty-nine years.

Death of a Venerable Army Officer.

PHILADELPHIA, May 29.—Maj.-Gen. George H. Crosman died last evening at 8:15 o'clock, at his residence in West Delancey Place, in this city. He was an old army officer and was born in Taunton, Mass., in 1798. He was appointed to the Military Academy in the year 1819, and was in active service for a term covering a period of over fifty years.

Accident in a Crowded Hall.

LITTLE METIS, Que., May 29.—Between 11 and 12 o'clock yesterday, at a meeting in a public room at St. Octave, Que., the floor gave way and about 200 people were precipitated from the second floor to the one below. A man named Fortin was crushed to death. Two other persons were slightly injured.

Fighting College Professors.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 29.—Examinations in the University shooting case, held to day, resulted in the discharge of President Folwell, and the binding over of Professor Pike in $600 bail to answer for an assault with a deadly weapon. Professor Moore pleaded guilty to assault and battery and was fined $25.

"Rustlers" in New Mexico.

DENVER, Col., May 29.—A Santa Fe special says the Arizona Rustlers have appeared in this Territory and are committing extensive depredations. Captain Fountain, with a company of soldiers, is in the field under orders of Governor Sheldon and doing effective work. Two of the cattle thieves were wounded.

Fatal Explosion in an Oil Refinery.

HAVANA, May 29.—An explosion occurred this morning at the petroleum refinery belonging to More & Ajuria. One man was killed and two dangerously wounded. The explosion set fire to the factory, part of which was destroyed. The loss is unknown.

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